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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2001–02 REGULAR SESSION

**Assembly Concurrent Resolution**

**No. 96**

**Introduced by Assembly Member Havice**

July 16, 2001

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Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 96—Relative to the Joe A. Gonsalves Memorial Interchange.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 96, as amended, Havice. Joe A. Gonsalves Memorial Interchange.

This measure would dedicate the interchange where State Highway Route 105 meets State Highway Route 605 to the memory of former Assembly Member Joe A. Gonsalves and would specify that this interchange be known as the “Joe A. Gonsalves Memorial Interchange.” The measure also would request the Department of Transportation to determine the cost of appropriate plaques and markers showing that special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources sufficient to cover the cost, to erect appropriate plaques and markers.

Fiscal committee: yes.

1 WHEREAS, Joe A. Gonsalves was born to Joaquim Gonsalves  
2 and Elvira Silva Gonsalves in Holtville, California on October 13,  
3 1919; and

4 WHEREAS, Joe A. Gonsalves was the proud father of nine  
5 sons; and

1 WHEREAS, Joe A. Gonsalves was elected to the City Council  
2 of the City of Dairy Valley, now known as the City of Cerritos, in  
3 1958; and

4 WHEREAS, Joe A. Gonsalves was twice elected the Mayor of  
5 Dairy Valley; and

6 WHEREAS, Joe A. Gonsalves was elected to the California  
7 State Assembly, representing the 66th Assembly District, in 1962,  
8 being the first person of Portuguese ancestry to be elected to the  
9 California State Legislature; and

10 WHEREAS, Joe A. Gonsalves during his 12 years in the  
11 California Legislature served as Chair of the Assembly Rules  
12 Committee, Revenue and Taxation Committee, and the Joint  
13 Committee on Rules and, served as a member of the Assembly  
14 Education Committee, and the State Allocation Board; and

15 WHEREAS, Joe A. Gonsalves was honored to have the “Joe A.  
16 Gonsalves Elementary School” in the City of Cerritos named for  
17 him by the ABC Unified School District Board of Trustees in  
18 1972; and

19 WHEREAS, Joe A. Gonsalves was honored to have the “Joe A.  
20 Gonsalves Park” named for him by the City of Cerritos in 2000;  
21 and

22 WHEREAS, Joe A. Gonsalves authored many important pieces  
23 of legislation during his years of public service in the Assembly;  
24 and

25 WHEREAS, Joe A. Gonsalves operated the only  
26 three-generation lobbying firm in Sacramento, with his son,  
27 Anthony Gonsalves, and his grandson, Jason Gonsalves; and

28 WHEREAS, Joe A. Gonsalves passed away on July 7, ~~2001~~  
29 ~~2000~~; and

30 WHEREAS, Section 405 of the Streets and Highways Code as  
31 enacted in 1963 described State Highway Route 105 as running  
32 from State Highway Route 5, to the junction of State Highway  
33 Routes 101 and 110, which would have caused State Highway  
34 Route 105 to cut through the Cities of Norwalk and La Mirada; and

35 WHEREAS, At the requests Cities of Norwalk and La Mirada  
36 and their residents, Joe A. Gonsalves was instrumental in having  
37 Section 405 of the Streets and Highways Code amended in 1968,  
38 so that State Highway Route 105 ended at State Highway Route  
39 605 rather than cutting through the Cities of Norwalk and La  
40 Mirada; now, therefore, be it



1     *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*  
2     *concurring*, that the interchange where State Highway Route 105  
3     connects with State Highway Route 605 be officially named the  
4     Joe A. Gonsalves Memorial Interchange; and be it further

5     *Resolved*, That the Department of Transportation is requested to  
6     determine the cost of appropriate plaques and markers, consistent  
7     with the signing requirements for the state highway system,  
8     showing this special designation, and upon receiving donations  
9     from nonstate sources sufficient to cover that cost, to erect those  
10    ~~plaques~~ *plaques* and markers; and be it further

11    *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies  
12    of this resolution to the Department of Transportation and to the  
13    author for appropriate distribution.

